

P.O. Box 4031
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Dear Reverend:

You may have seen recent newspaper reports announcing the establishment of Lehigh Valley Citizens Concerned for a Better Community. There are two purposes to LVCCBC. The first is to work for passage of an amendment to the Allentown Human Relations Ordinance which would add "sexual and affectional preference" to the list of protected classes for employment, housing and public accomodation.

The second purpose is to educate the Allentown community about gay rights.

Because your national church has taken a positive position on gay rights we are asking for your help. You may be able to assist us in one or more of the following ways.

1. Write to City Council of your personal support of the amendment.
 2. Discuss the issue with your church board and ask if they, as a group, or as individuals, would write a letter or letters to City Council.
 3. Present a sermon differentiating between sin and sinner (assuming that your congregation considers homosexuality a sin) and the need for gay women and men to feel included in the church community.
 4. Ask your Adult Sunday School classes if they would be interested in a speaker on gay rights, gay oppression and/or the gay community.
- We have a speakers bureau that would be happy to assist you.

If we can answer any questions for you, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are most anxious to provide information to the community.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Bloch

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Co-Chair LVCCBC

LEHIGH VALLEY CITIZENS

CONCERNED for a BETTER COMMUNITY

LGBT History Project of the LGBT Center of Central PA

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Title: *Citizens Concerned for a Better Community (CCBC) Letter to the Clergy*

Date: circa 1978

Location: LGBT-001 Joseph W. Burns Collection

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